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SMALLER AIRCRAFT FOR NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Alliance Air has launched regional air services in North Eastern Region using small aircraft;

(b) if so, the details of the services and the aircraft being put into service;

(c) the plans for expansion of these services;

(d) whether there is a demand for increasing the frequency of IA/Alliance Air flights between Kolkata- Tezpur- Guwahati- Lakimpur, Guwahati- Tezpur and introducing Silchar- Kolkata and Silchar- Guwahati flights; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and capacity utilisation of and average waiting list in respect of these flights?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b) and (c): Alliance Air has inducted four ATR 42-320 aircraft (48 seater) on dry lease for a period of five years for exclusive operations in the North East. Two ATRs have already been deployed providing the following airlinks: Kolkata-Dimapur, Guwahati-Dimapur, Guwahati-Lilabari, Guwahati- Agartala, Kolkata-Aizwal.

The remaining two aircraft will be deployed in phases, providing the following airlinks: Kolkata-Shillong, Silchar-Agartala, Guwahati-Aizwal.

(d) and (e): Requests have been received for increase in the frequency of operations between Kolkata-Tezpur, airlinking of Guwahati with Tezpur and Lilabari (North Lakhimpur).Lilabari (North Lakhimpur) has been airlinked with Guwahation a thrice weekly basis with the ATR effective 2nd January,2003 as against twice a week Boeing 737 operations.

Seat factors achieved in the operation of services between Kolkata- Tezpur, Guwahati- Lilabari (North Lakhimpur), Silchar- Kolkata and Silchar- Guwahati are given below: